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REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

2. ... Claims 1-11, 13, 17-21, 25-26, 29-30, 33-34, and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hauser et al. (USPN 5,889,956) (cited as pertinent prior art in previous Office Action) (hereinafter Hauser) in view of Nicola et al. ("Fast Simulation of the Leaky Bucket Algorithm" Proceedings of the 1994 Winter simulation Conferences Society for Computer Simulation International (c) 1994) (hereinafter Nicola).

Conclusion

29. The Examiner further strongly recommends an amendment to put claims 7-9 and clarifying language for the limitation "decreasing the aggregate current usage value over time", as was indicated in the previous Office Action as allowable subject matter. Applicant is strongly encouraged to comply with this request in order to pass this case to allowance.

Without conceding the examiner's positions, claim 1 has been amended as the examiner recommended.

Claims 10, 17, and 18 are patentable for at least similar reasons as claim 1.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the claims on which they depend.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner. Any circumstance in which the applicant has made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims. Any circumstance in which the applicant has amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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